

AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT  
(NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1948. No. 178

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, (hereinafter called "the Act"), hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) (Appointed Day) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921 applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. The provisions of the Act specified in the Schedule hereto shall come into operation on the fifth day of July, 1948.

3. The operation of the provisions of sub-section (7) of section ten of the Act shall have the effect of terminating :

- (a) the position of medical officer of health of the district held by every medical officer of a dispensary district by virtue of section eleven of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 ; and
- (b) the position of medical superintendent officer of health under the said section eleven.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*Thos. Elwood,*

Assistant Secretary.

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SCHEDULE

Provisions of the Act to be brought into operation.  
Sub-section (7) of Section 10.  
Section 20.

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**Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers**

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND JANUARY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS TEN AND TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1948. No. 26

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of

the powers conferred on it by sections ten and twenty-eight of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (in these Regulations referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Authorities (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed Medical Officer of Health, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, or Assistant Medical Officer of a county or county borough, or Medical Officer of Health of a borough or urban or rural district or any combination thereof within a county and Assistant Medical Officer of a county, unless—

(1) (a) he is a registered medical practitioner and is also registered in the medical register as the holder of a diploma in sanitary science, public health or state medicine; and

(b) he has had.—

(i) for the office of Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough, not less than five years' experience in general public health duties in a whole time capacity;

(ii) for the office of Deputy Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough or for the joint office of Medical Officer of Health in a borough or urban or rural district or any combination thereof within a county and Assistant Medical Officer of a county, not less than two years' experience in general public health duties in a whole-time capacity:—

as a medical officer of health, deputy medical officer of health or assistant medical officer of health under a local authority: provided that any period of experience, in the case of an appointment to the office referred to in paragraph (1) (b) (i) of this regulation, not exceeding two years, and in the case of an appointment to either of the offices referred to in paragraph (1) (b) (ii) of this regulation, not exceeding one year, that he has had in comparable duties in time of war emergency in one of the medical branches of the armed forces of the Crown may be counted in computing the aforesaid periods; and provided that, in order to fulfil the requirement of two years' experience in general public health duties for any of the posts set out at paragraph (1) (b) (ii) of this Regulation, a school medical officer or a maternity and child welfare medical officer employed whole-time in that capacity

by a local authority in Northern Ireland at the date of the making of these Regulations shall be deemed to be eligible for any appointment made on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1950, if he has had at the date of that appointment at least four years' experience in a whole-time capacity in school medical service or in maternity and child welfare duties.

- (2) he produces satisfactory evidence that his health and character are good ;
- (3) he is a natural born British subject and the son of a father also a natural born British subject, and has during the whole of the period of five years ending on the date of appointment been resident in the United Kingdom : provided that any period during which he has served outside the United Kingdom in time of war emergency in the armed forces of the Crown or in the mercantile marine shall be treated as a period during which he has been resident in the United Kingdom ; and
- (4) at the date of his appointment he is not more than forty-five years of age : provided that this age limit shall not apply in the case of a person holding an office under a local authority at the time of his appointment.

Provided that, in the case of existing medical superintendent officers of health of county boroughs they shall be deemed to be qualified to fill the post of Medical Officer of Health, and in the case of existing deputy or assistant medical superintendent officers of health of county boroughs the post of Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

3. A Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough shall observe and execute all lawful orders and directions of the health authority and, in addition to the duties imposed on him by or under the Act or assigned to him by the health authority, he shall, as Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough, carry out the following duties :—

- (a) he shall inform himself as far as practicable respecting all matters affecting or likely to affect the public health in the area for which he is appointed ; and
- (b) he shall as soon as practicable after the 31st day of December in each year make a report to the health authority for the year ending on that date on the health services administered by the health authority, the sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics of the area, containing in addition to any other matters upon which he may consider it desirable to report, such information as may from time to time be required ; and
- (c) he shall furnish to the Ministry such statistical information as the Ministry may from time to time require.

4. A Deputy Medical Officer of Health and an Assistant Medical Officer of a county or county borough shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Medical Officer of Health of the county or county borough as the case may be or by the health authority.

5. The Health Authorities (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947, (a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-second day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty eight in the presence of

(L.S.)

*Thos. Elwood,*

Assistant Secretary.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

### Boards of Guardians to Welfare Authorities

#### Transfer of Miscellaneous Residual Functions and abolition of Boards of Guardians

ORDER, DATED THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS EIGHT AND TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1948. No. 187

*Amended 1948 SRO (N.I.) 281*

WHEREAS it is provided in sections two and eight of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (in this Order referred to as "the Act of 1946") that the Ministry of Health and Local Government (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") may from time to time by order or orders transfer to health authorities or to welfare authorities any functions of Boards of Guardians or of any officers of such Boards ;

AND WHEREAS it is further provided in section twenty-eight of the Act of 1946 that such an order may make provision for the abolition of any Board of Guardians from whom all functions have been or by that order are transferred ;

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Ministry to be necessary for giving full effect to the provisions of the Act that the remaining functions of

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 19.